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| In re Application of: |) |
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| Richard CURTIS et al. |) Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
| Application No.: To Be Assigned (U.S. National Stage Application of PCT/US2004/003824) |) Examiner: Unassigned)) |
| Filed: Concurrently Herewith | <i>)</i> |
| For: PIPETTE VERIFICATION DEVICE AND PIPETTE |))) |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, and begin on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments sections, and begin on page 20 of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include a Substitute Abstract.